

Simon Kenton Pathfinders
Minutes from Membership Meeting @ Urbana Depot
Thursday, March 7, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Cook at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Gary Bradshaw, Doug Crabill, Rob Dwyer, Mark Garber, Steve Cayot, Ward Lutz, Eric Halbgewoks, Brian Newman, David Jensen, Dorothy Case, Dave Martin, Carmen Scott, and Dianne Burroughs.

Agenda: With no additions or corrections suggested, a motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by David Jensen, seconded by Dorothy Case, and it passed unanimously.

Announcements: Jim asked the Board to remain afterwards for a short meeting.

Reports:

Past President: We still have two vacant Board positions to fill: President Elect and President.

Secretary: A motion was made by Brian Newman to accept the minutes from the February 1 meeting as presented. It was seconded by Ward Lutz, and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Rob Dwyer explained that most of our expenses in January related to trail maintenance. A motion was made by David Jensen to accept the treasurer's report as presented. It was seconded by Brian Newman, and it passed unanimously.

Website: Doug Crabill said that the January minutes have been posted.

Facebook: No report was available.

Membership: No report was available.

Maintenance:

- North Trail: Amish buggies have been seen using the bike trail north of West Liberty. West Liberty and Bellefontaine police regularly patrol their sections of the trail, but anyone spotting this in the future should call either the Logan County Sheriff or the West Liberty Police. Steve Cayot ran the weed eater from West Liberty to Carter Avenue, removing fallen sticks and limbs.
- Urbana City Trails: David Jensen used the blower from the Depot to Park Street, and it's looking good. Graffiti was observed on the east side of the wood bridge; David volunteered to paint over it.
- South Trail: Ward Lutz reported that it's in good shape, but he may need to sweep the intersections. Dorothy Case reported that a box truck has been parked at the County Line parking lot for over a week now. It has been reported to the Sheriff's office, but there has been no response.
- Depot Area: A fire inspection on February 28 cited us for multiple violations. Jim Cook has already addressed several concerns and will take care of the rest. The city will be replacing the twenty-two-year old roof this summer.

Action Items: The YMCA is hosting a solar eclipse event on Monday, April 8, and they asked if we wanted to take part. From 10:00-1:00 there will be a table of promotional materials, T-shirts, and eclipse glasses.

New Business:

- a. Capital Budget & Strategic Community Investment Funds update: The \$2.5 million application has been sent, the engineering study has been completed and sent, along with 63 letters of support from businesses, schools, villages, hospitals, etc. The next step is a personal meeting between Logan County (the sponsor) trustees and Ohio's Economic Director and Ohio Senators. The Senate still has \$350 million available, but they may require a matching %, and some of our money may be required. This money could be used to fix erosion and stabilization issues, pave the gravel portions with hot mix asphalt, create a side trail to West Liberty and another to Bellefontaine, and/or replace a metal fence with a wood one. Applications are due April 8, and a decision should be reached by July 1.
- b. Celebrate Trails Day: Tamisha Matus and Nolan Conley are heading this up, with signs, brochures, bike helmets available here and at the YMCA.
- c. Spring Clean-Up: A motion was made by David Jensen to set Saturday, April 6, from 9-12:00 as our clean-up day, with a rain date of April 13. It was seconded by Rob Dwyer, and it passed unanimously.
- d. Volunteer Group clean-up: The Urbana High School seniors will be cleaning the trail from the Depot to Russell Street on April 26 (½ day).

Old Business:

- a. New Ventrac – The new Ventrac has had the box and mower deck installed, and it's ready to go. It's now worth \$40,000, but we only put in \$13,000. Now our maintenance equipment is good for many years.
- b. Bike Tour on Sunday, September 8 – On-line registration will be live by April 1 (with Board approval). A motion to accept Wilson's Rollin Shmoke as our second food truck vendor was made by David Jensen, seconded by Brian Newman, and it passed unanimously. Jim Cook distributed Save the Date cards for distribution.

Open Forum:

- David Jensen will test the seal coat mastic in Columbus to see if it will adhere to our trails.
- Greg Price is a willing volunteer.
- The Friends of the Pony Wagon Bike Trail received support from the St. Paris Village Council recently in the form of an \$50,000 advance for land acquisition.

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn was made at 8:07 p.m. by David Jensen, was seconded by Brian Newman, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Burroughs, Secretary

